

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 1:17CR437-01
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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
MAURICE MONTGOMERY, JR.,)	
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DEFENDANT.)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge Jonathan D. Greenberg's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Maurice Montgomery, Jr.'s ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Doc. No. 31.)

On October 25, 2017, the government filed an Indictment against Defendant. (Doc. No. 1.) On December 18, 2017, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Greenberg for the purpose of receiving Defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 26.)

On January 16, 2018, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging him with Bank Robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(a); and Count 2 charging him with Brandishing a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii). Magistrate Judge Greenberg received Defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty.

(Doc. No. 31.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the Defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the Defendant is adjudged guilty of Count 1 in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(a) and 2; and Count 2 in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii). The sentencing will be held on May 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 13, 2018



HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE